



# THE MESSENGER

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

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The Messenger  
JUNE 2010

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## Summer Worship Time—

**Beginning June 20, we will switch to our Summer Worship times of 8:30 and 10:30 AM.**

**On September 19, we will resume our regular schedule of 8:30 and 11 AM with Sunday School and Adult forum at 9:45.**

*“Celebrating,  
Deepening,  
and Sharing  
in  
God’s Love.”*

### **CHURCH PICNIC!**

Come help kick-off VBS with a Congregational BBQ, **June 27th after the 11 o'clock service.** Come meet the group from Lutherwood and support our kids as we jump into a week of fun and learning about Jesus. **This is a pot luck so please bring your favorite side dishes, salads, and desserts.**



## From Pastor Jaech

Dear Friends in Christ,

Summer arrives this month. Hopefully the sun will arrive, as well. As I think about the journeys and explorations that summer often brings, I think of the poem by Robert Frost, *The Road Not Taken*.

*Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,  
And sorry I could not travel both  
And be one traveler, long I stood  
And looked down one as far as I could  
To where it bent in the undergrowth;  
Then took the other, just as fair...*

*Two roads diverged in a wood, and I –  
I took the one less traveled by,  
And that has made all the difference.*

When we are on a vacation trip, we probably have our main route all planned out and we intend to stick to it. But then there is that moment when we come upon a sign that says, “Scenic route”, or we get an unexpected invitation to visit a friend, or we’re just walking down the street and something catches our eye. All of a sudden we have a choice. Do we stay with what’s planned or do we step off into a new adventure where we’ve never been before. Some of our best summer stories come from taking the road less traveled!

When we read the book of Acts, a lot of the stories about Peter and Paul tell about them taking the road less traveled. They are traveling along and all of a sudden they have a choice to make about where to go. Go to Athens or travel to Ephesus? Stay in Philippi or head to Macedonia?

The writer of Acts tells us that the choice they make does not depend only on their rational, analytical thinking. Rather, they regularly take a path because the wind of Spirit blows them in that direction. They think with their heads about what to do, but they also listen to their hearts to see where the Spirit is tugging them. Often it’s a sudden, instinctive decision.

That gives me an idea for something we could have fun with and learn from this summer. As we are traveling around, we can notice the moments when something catches our eye. We can notice the places where are we drawn to take a new path, to try something new or take a road less traveled. Then, when it seems right, we can let ourselves do it. Take the Scenic route; stop for an ice cream cone; buy the train ticket and go!

Then, as we enjoy this summertime travel and exploration, we can also ask ourselves, “Where is God trying to catch my eye? What new path might the Spirit be inviting me to take? Is it possible that my life journey is going to present a road less traveled that will bring much discovery and growth?”

Enjoy the rest, relaxation, and adventure that this summer offers. Keep your eyes open for where the Spirit might be drawing you.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Rick Jaech



## EDUCATION NEWS

### ADULT FORUMS IN JUNE

**Sundays at 9:45 AM in our Sanctuary.**

- June 6      A follow-up discussion about ELCA Interfaith dialog with other religious groups, led by Pastor Jaech
- June 13     End of the year celebration for Sunday School and Adult Forum. Meet for treats, celebration and Bible Bingo with the kids!

### SUMMER CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Please join us on Sunday, June 13, at 12:30pm, for our special Summer Congregational Meeting. We will hear an update on our ministry at Beautiful Savior and also a financial report. There will be a light lunch after the second service that day and childcare will be available.

### PARKING LOT PRECAUTIONS

The Vancouver Police Department tell us that someone has been methodically visiting church parking lots on Sunday mornings and stealing items from cars. They are not smashing windows and breaking in, but simply opening up unlocked car doors. Therefore, it is a good idea to lock your car doors when you come to church. This is sad, but true.

### CONFIRMATION CLASS 2010

On Sunday, June 6, at the 11:00am service, we celebrate the Confirmation of nine young people of our congregation. These youth have studied together for two years and have sunk their roots more deeply into the Christian faith. They have also spent time together in service and fellowship. At the Confirmation service, the nine students will express their faith in God and Christ in the written statements they have prepared for this day.

The nine youth being confirmed this year are:

Kyle Barry  
 Jennifer Boldra  
 Dana Gawlak  
 Will Harrison  
 Jonathan Haugen  
 Ian Mansfield  
 Mason Miller  
 Olivia Moar  
 Sarah Westendorf

Congratulations to these newly confirmed students and also a big thank you to Dave Hellerud and Gary Bohman, who helped Pastor Jaech as small group guides for the students.

### End of Education Year Party!

Come to education hour, Sunday, June 13th for our end of the year party. At this all ages, multi-generational event, we will honor our teachers and Bible study leaders, share our education highlights for the year, and play a rousing game or two of Bible Bingo. You won't want to miss it!



## SUMMER FAITH FORMATION EVENTS ...

\*June 28<sup>th</sup> – July 2<sup>nd</sup> **Vacation Bible School:** Camp Lutherwood Oregon will again be bringing down staff members to lead our program. There will be a half-day (9 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.) pre-school program for potty trained kids ages 3-6 and a full day (9 a.m. – 3 p.m.) program for elementary age kids. The cost will be \$40 for the first child and \$30 for each additional child. Scholarships are available if cost is an issue. Volunteers are needed to help with camp activities, crafts, photography, food, set-up, and clean-up. Please contact Rachel Brocker, the Director of Faith Formation, for more information. (360) 254-9243

\*July 3<sup>rd</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> **Mexico Mission**

\*July 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> **Confirmation Camp:** We are heading to Camp Lutherwood in Cheshire, Oregon for our annual week of confirmation camp. The cost for this week is \$295. Please see Rachel for more information.

\*July 10<sup>th</sup> **Creation Awareness Hike:** A day long hike / fellowship time / workshop for all ages led by Rachel Brocker, the Director of Faith Formation. We will meet at the church and carpool to Silver Falls near Salem, OR. Pack a lunch, put on some comfortable shoes, and get ready to think about and appreciate God's creation. Please see Rachel for more information or to sign-up.

\*July 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> **Family Camp** - a weekend at Camp Lutherwood Oregon set aside for families to come together to relax, swim, play, worship, and enjoy being away from home and at camp together. The cost for a family of four is \$170 and there may be options for carpooling. Please contact Rachel to sign-up or for more information. Lutherwood Camp Info web address:

<http://www.lutherwood.org/camplutherwood.php>

\***Holden Village:** Due to timing and interest level, we will be unable to take an organized group from Beautiful Savior to Holden Village this year. But keep your eyes out for next year – we'll start planning early and get a group together!



## NEWS TO SHARE ...

### THANK YOU PATRICK AND KRISTY!

We are blessed with a wonderful music ministry at Beautiful Savior, and now we are sad to say goodbye to two of our gifted and dedicated musicians, Patrick Callahan and Kristy Nessly.

Patrick's work as the director of the Vancouver Free Clinic has continued to expand. His excellent management of the medical clinic has brought with it broader responsibilities. At the same time, Patrick was recently awarded a prestigious Fellowship Study Grant in the area of health management, which demands even more of his time and energy. For that reason he has regretfully given up his position as Church Musician and director of our Hand Bell Choir. Patrick's last Sunday with us as Church Musician will be June 27.

Kristy, who is the piano accompanist to our Adult Choir, celebrated her marriage to Barry Nessly last Fall. She thoroughly enjoys spending evenings with Barry and sons and, therefore, has chosen reduce the number of commitments that take her away from home. While she will no longer accompany the choir, Kristy will continue to worship at Beautiful Savior two Sundays each month and worship at Barry's church the other two Sundays. Kristy's last Sunday as accompanist will be June 6.

Patrick and Kristy, we will deeply miss your gifts of music during our worship! We wish you the fullest blessings as you continue on your journey. We hope that our paths will cross again and again.

### Peace & Justice

Beautiful Savior's Peace & Justice group meets the third Monday of every month at the home of Rick & Ann Giles. The evening begins with a potluck meal at 6:00 p.m. and continues with a meeting at 7:00. All who feel called to this ministry are welcome.

### DRIVER'S COURSE

#### COMING TO BSCL!

American Driving Services is accepting reservations for its **one-day refresher course** on defensive driving skills. The course gives practical guidance for traffic accident prevention and enhances driver safety and confidence. The program begins at 8:30am and dismisses by 3:30pm.

Course completion qualifies drivers 55 years of age and over for automobile insurance premium discounts. Some companies give the discount even younger. Check with your insurance agent for the amount and duration of the discount.

**To register for the class, (fee is \$16 per person, payable at class to ADS), RSVP to Mariellen in the office by June 15.**



## Opportunities to learn, share, and grow ...

### **Love and Logic @ Regroup**

Sunday, June 6, Regroup is meeting from 12:15 – 1:45 for our next Love and Logic class! Parents with children middle school age and younger are invited to attend for a time of learning and support. Childcare will be provided. Contact Rachel, the Director of Faith Formation, for more information.

### **BROWN BAG COLLECTIONS**

June's brown bag collection is Diapers and Personal Hygiene Products.

Brown bags will be distributed the second Sunday of each month and collections will be delivered to shelters or food banks at the end of each month. Donations should be placed in the marked barrel which will be in the back hallway or in the narthex.

The organizations that receive your donations have expressed their heartfelt thanks to all of you as we have made deliveries.

~Your Social Ministries Committee

### **GREEN TEAM NEWS!**

News from Jim Mansfield regarding the Recycled Art Festival on June 26th and 27th at Esther Short Park. This family friendly event of junk turned into treasures will have you looking at trash in a whole new way. Over 75 exceptional artists will be on hand to show and sell their priceless pieces. The entertainment is equally eclectic, raging from jug thumping country music to marimbas, zydeco to blues and good old rock 'n roll. For the kids there will be a juggling stilt walker, puppet show, and a chance to make their own recycled art. The recycled art festival is sponsored by Clark County Environmental Services with

support from Waste Connections, Columbia Springs and the US Fish and Wild Life Service.

There will be Bike Parking---free, secure and attended provided by Vancouver Bike Me! This service is located at the clock tower on 6th and Columbia. There is free parking at the Clark County Public Service Center on 13th and Franklin. So bring your reusable shopping bag enjoy the activities at Esther Short Park and visit the Farmers market for some fresh local produce and a good snack too. For more information and a schedule of events visit [www.recycleartfestival.org](http://www.recycleartfestival.org) or call 360-397-2121 ext 4352

### **July 31, 2010 Habitat for Humanity**

Save the date, mark your calendars, plan now. Evergreen Habitat for Humanity is a volunteer-driven organization. Volunteers contribute more than muscle; their time and energy contribute to the joy created when a family is able to realize their dream of home ownership.

BSLC invites you to help build the next home for a local family in the community. By working side-by-side with other Church members it is also a great way to make a new friend and follow the Christian spirit. One especially fulfilling perk is you leave at the end of the day feeling really good about your contributions to the build.

If this is something that you want to be a part of, look for the flyer on the Church bulletin board with a description of the family and sign-up sheet.

BSLC members participated last year with their painting skills, this year will involve more in the construction phase. More information on this will be announced in the coming weeks.